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**Blair Cummings**

790 Congress St Apt #1, Portland, ME 04102

November 1, 2005 2:18 PM

Senator Olympia Snowe  
U.S. Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Snowe:

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**Michael MacFarland**

6 Sylvester Avenue , Chelsea, ME 04330-1039

November 1, 2005 1:48 PM

Representative Tom Allen  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1127 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Allen:

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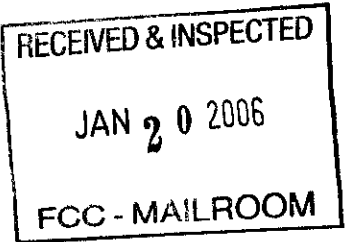
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Michael MacFarland

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joe wolf

1613 Hawthorne Dr. #8 , Mayfield Heights, OH 44124-3094

November 1, 2005 12:53 PM

Senator Mike DeWine  
U.S. Senate  
140 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator DeWine:

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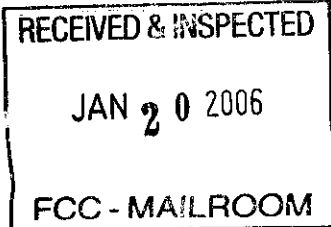
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**Lonnie Cox**

2529 N Parsons Avenue 613 West Main Street, Merced, CA 95340

November 1, 2005 1:47 PM

Representative Dennis Cardoza  
U.S. House of Representatives  
435 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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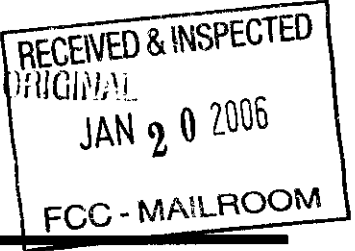
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**Shardon Crider**

2132 Orville Ave. , Granite City, IL 62040

November 1, 2005 1:39 PM

Senator Dick Durbin  
U.S. Senate  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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**Gregory Stafford**

196 Wolverine Way , Scotts Valley, CA 95066

November 1, 2005 1:32 PM

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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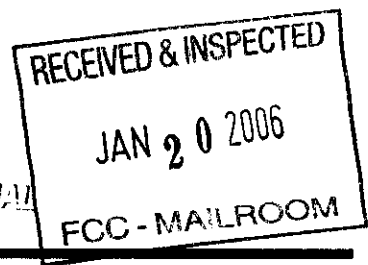
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**Keith Folk**

2222 Red Hawk Drive , Plainfield, IL 60586

November 1, 2005 1:40 PM

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U.S. Senate  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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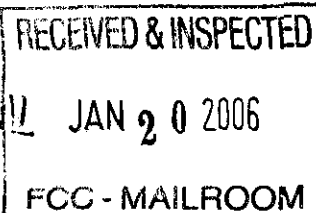
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**Daniel Vallero**

12101 West Kirk Lane , Tucson, AZ 85743-7989

November 1, 2005 12:43 PM

Senator Jon Kyl  
U.S. Senate  
730 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Kyl:

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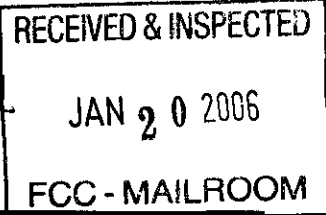
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**Carl Unger**

460 Bay Avenue , Patchogue, NY 11772

November 1, 2005 1:40 PM

Senator Hillary Clinton  
U.S. Senate  
476 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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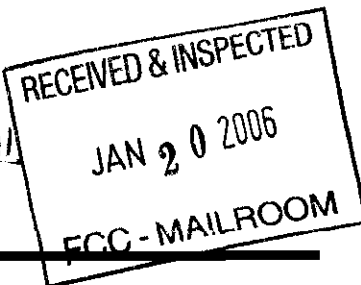
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**A.J. Hazle**

Box 869 , Shady Cove, OR 97539

November 1, 2005 1:39 PM

Representative Greg Walden  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1210 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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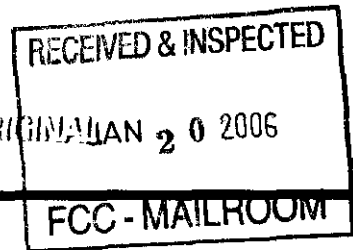
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**Lourdes Cockerham**

73 Midland Drive Newark Oaks, Newark, DE 19713

November 1, 2005 12:58 PM

Representative Mike Castle  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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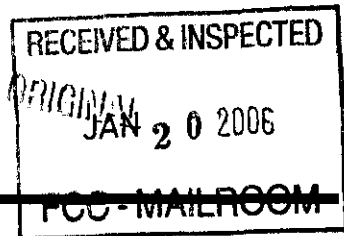
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**Mark Robinson**

7900 Goforth Rd. , Dallas, TX 75238

November 1, 2005 12:50 PM

Senator John Cornyn  
U.S. Senate  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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**RONALD DUMAY**

3006 ANDOVER COURT , MOUNT DORA, FL 32757

November 1, 2005 1:11 PM

Senator Pat Roberts  
U.S. Senate  
109 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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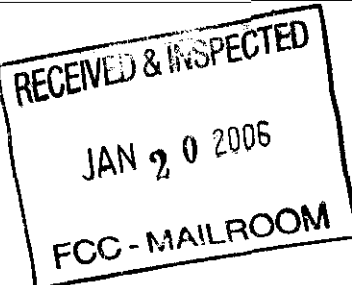
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**Ruth Beisel**

292 Northpointe Dr. NE #312 , Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-6215

November 1, 2005 12:56 PM

Senator Chuck Grassley  
U.S. Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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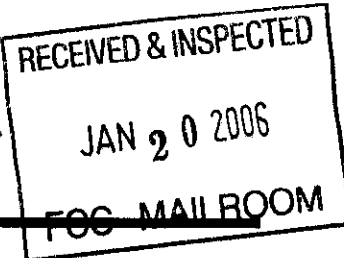
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**Charles Fogus**

2468 Livingston Rd , Roanoke, VA 24015-4137

November 1, 2005 1:21 PM

Senator George Allen  
U.S. Senate  
204 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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**Jeffrey Clough**

13425 Whitewater Dr. , Poway, CA 92064

November 1, 2005 1:08 PM

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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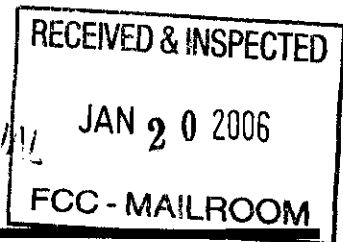
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**Ronald Gaudet**

272 Pearl St. #3, Gardner, MA 01440

November 1, 2005 1:14 PM

Senator Edward Kennedy  
U.S. Senate  
315 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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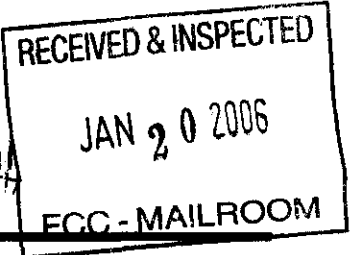
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**Dell Young**

105 Main St , Deer Lodge, MT 59722-1052

November 1, 2005 2:19 PM

Senator Conrad Burns  
U.S. Senate  
187 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Burns:

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**James Schaad**

1207 Comanche Trail , Alamogordo, NM 88310-4010

November 1, 2005 1:11 PM

Senator Pete Domenici  
U.S. Senate  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Domenici:

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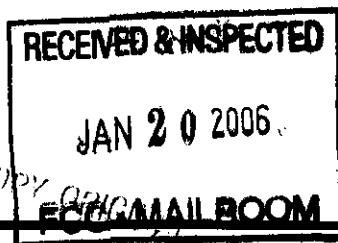
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**Dale kaufmann**

10192 arrow road , Tremont, IL 61568

November 1, 2005 1:19 PM

Senator Dick Durbin  
U.S. Senate  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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2133 S. Orchard Rd. , Vineland, NJ 08360

Senator Jon Corzine  
U.S. Senate  
502 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Dear Senator Corzine:

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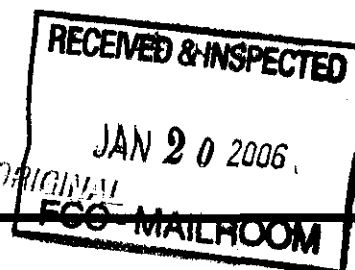
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**Charles Fogus**

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November 1, 2005 1:21 PM

Senator John Warner  
U.S. Senate  
225 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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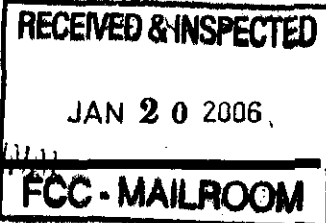
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November 1, 2005 1:45 PM

Senator Richard Burr  
U.S. Senate  
217 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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**Carl Unger**

460 Bay Avenue , Patchogue, NY 11772

November 1, 2005 1:40 PM

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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**Mary Hansen**

3832 Colorado Ct., Racine, Wisconsin 53404-1404

January 10, 2006 09:40 PM

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.  
Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,



Mary Hansen

cc:

Senator Herb Kohl  
Senator Russell Feingold  
Representative Paul Ryan